

Describing and Calculating Motion

Objectives:

- Distinguish between distance and displacement.
- Calculate average speed.
- Explain the difference between speed and velocity.
- Interpret motion graphs.

1. Define **Motion**: _____

2. **Speed** describes _____

3. Speed considers two factors:

- a)
- b)

4. Define **Instantaneous Speed**: _____

5. Define **Constant Speed**: _____

6. Define **Displacement**: _____

7. Define **Vector**: _____

Remember: Slope of the line is speed.

Speed equation:

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

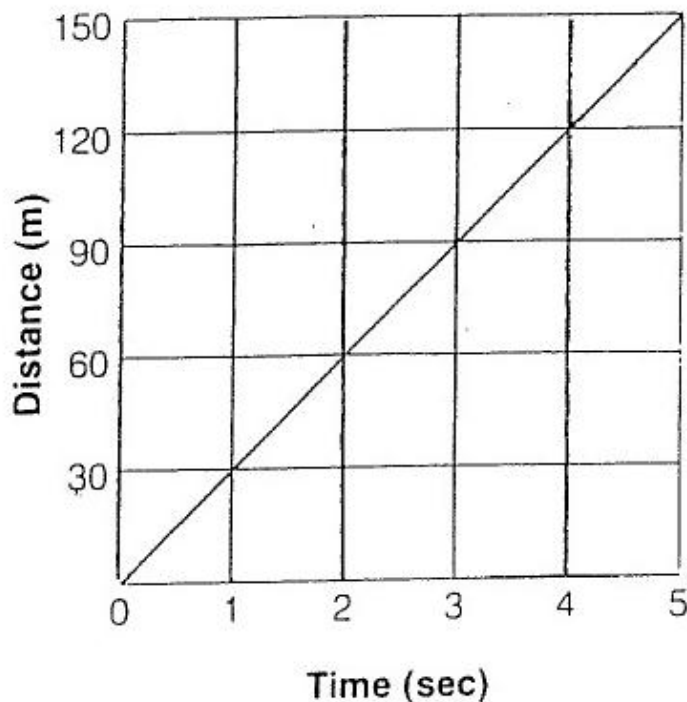
$$v = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$$

SI Unit: meters per second, m/s

8. The graph below shows the motion of a cheetah over a five second period of time. Use the graph to answer the questions.

a) How many meters did the cheetah travel after one second? _____

b) How many meters did the cheetah travel after three seconds? _____



Describe a Distance-Time Graph:

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9. Define **Average Speed**: _____

10. The graph below shows the motion of a cyclist over a six hour period of time. Use the graph to answer the following questions.

a) What is the cyclist's speed during the first two hours?

- b) What is the cyclist's speed between two and three hours?
- c) What is the cyclist's speed between three and four hours?
- d) What is the cyclist's speed between four and six hours?
- e) Was the cyclist's speed constant over the entire ride?
- f) What was the cyclist's average speed over the entire ride?

